

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 832 without my signature.

SB 832 seeks to extend the sunset on Section 3294.5 which was added to the Civil Code relating to punitive damages. While I have been supportive of the policy in the past and signed SB 1102 that contained the original provision which sunset on July 1, 2006, this bill was amended late in the legislative session and did not provide an opportunity for sufficient hearings to determine whether this policy has been effective or not.

I encourage the author to reintroduce the bill next year and allow a full debate on the effectiveness of the policy.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger